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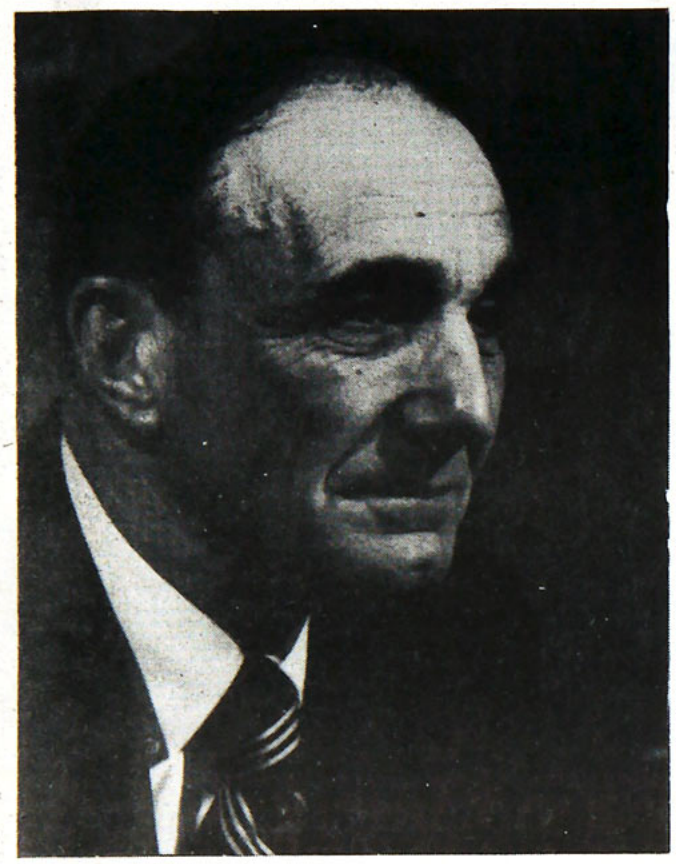


Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino

SAINT LEO, Fla. — The president of the Catholic University of America, **Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino,** will be the Commencement speaker for Saint Leo's thirteenth annual exercises on April 22 at 4 p.m. in the Marion Bowman Activities Center.

The Baccalaureate Homily will be delivered by the **Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan, J.C.D.,** Archbishop of New Orleans. The Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. at the same location.

Dr. Pellegrino will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humanities from Saint Leo and Archbishop Hannan will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Described in "The Washington Post Style" on March 30, 1979, as a 'Doctor of Values', Pellegrino, the newly installed chief at Catholic University, has established a reputation for himself of being first in whatever he undertakes. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school, the first to go on to college and professional school, and the first to become a university president. Before joining Catholic University, he was the founding president of the Yale-New Haven Medical Center and prior to that he was the first chairman of the medical department at the University of Kentucky and the Health Science Center of the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is also the founding editor of the "Journal of Medicine and Philosophy," and he heads the Institute on Human Values in Medicine, a subject close to his heart.

When Pellegrino was a young doctor he was stricken with tuberculosis and spent a year and a half in bed recuperating from the disease. Forced to slow down physically for the only time in his life, he managed to use his time of recovery profitably, developing an expertise in modern medical ethics that have given him an international reputation in the field.

Pellegrino, a physician who specializes in internal medicine, came to Catholic University last fall, but his formal inauguration as president was postponed until March 31, 1979, due to the deaths last summer of two popes.

He is listed in "Who's Who in America," "World Who's Who in Sciences," "American Men of Science," and other similar publications. He is known internationally as a writer and lecturer in addressing issues of values and purpose in the uses of medicine and technology.

Throughout his career, Dr. Pellegrino has always combined teaching, research and administration and has continued to publish actively in each field. His latest book — "Humanism and the Physician" — was published on April 1. He is currently working on another book entitled, "The Philosophy of Medicine."

A native of Newark, N.J., he is married to the former Clementine Coakley and they have seven children. The 58-year old president-physician loves to read. In the same "The Washington Post Style" article, it states, ". . . as a task-oriented man, he not only reads but he collects books. He haunts old bookstores. He insisted on having his formal picture taken in front of his bookshelves. His house is full of them, 'They're crowding us out.' He has whole rows of dictionaries and etymologies, not only because he loves to translate Latin poetry, but because etymology is almost a mania with him."

In the same article he said, "I have an exquisite sensitivity to language. In another life I would have been a philologist."

It goes on to say, "Then there is the piano, the love for Baroque music, the lab work on the chemistry of calcified tissues, the ferocious game of tennis he plays."

Pellegrino added, "Alfred North Whitehead said that if you want to live a life with satisfactions you really have to step out of your work now and then. Some people do it with crafts. I do it with music and poetry."

Archbishop Hannan, affectionately known during World War II as "The Jumping Padre," was ordained in Rome, Italy, on December 8, 1939. He engaged in pastoral work for a two year period beginning in 1940 in the Archdiocese of Washington and then became the Chaplain in the United States Army for four years, serving with the 505th Parachute Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division as it moved across Europe in World War II, which is where he received his nickname.

In 1948 he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Washington, and in 1951 Chancellor and Editor of "The Catholic Standard," the official paper of the Archdiocese of Washington.

He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington and was consecrated August 28, 1956, in Washington, D.C., which is his birthplace.

On September 29, 1965, he was appointed Archbishop of New Orleans and installed in the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans and installed in the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans on October 13, 1965.

He holds a licentiate in Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and a Doctorate in Canon Law from The Catholic University of America in Washington, of which he has been chairman of the Board of Trustees since 1973.

From 1965 until 1970, he was a member of the Administrative Board of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, and is also the past Episcopal Chairman of the Communications Department for that group. In addition, he served from 1971 until 1973 as the chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops for Priestly Life and Ministry. Also on the national level, he served from 1974 until 1978 as the National Chaplain of Catholic Daughters of America, and is a member of the White House Committee on Children and Youth. On the local level, he is a member of the Goals Foundation of Metropolitan New Orleans; is past chairman of the Interfaith Committee of the United Fund of Metropolitan New Orleans; has been a member of the board for the Boy Scouts of America, New Orleans Council, since 1973; and is a board member for the Metropolitan New Orleans Council on Aging.

Four other individuals are being recognized by the College and conferred Honorary Degrees during Commencement Exercises. Two of the four are nuns from Holy Name Priory; one is a member of the College's Board of Trustees and former Republican National Committeewoman for Florida; and finally, one of the ten four star generals in the U.S. Army.

The formation of Catholic University was begun by American bishops of the Roman Catholic Church meeting in the historic Second Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, and opened its doors in 1889. It is the only university in this country under papal sponsorship.

In his inaugural address Pellegrino, the 12th president of the Catholic University of America and only the second layman to head the school in its 90-year history, stressed, "If Catholic universities wish to be regarded seriously as constructive critics of culture, they must learn to speak with authority and without authoritarianism, of morality without moralizing, of the spirit of the law without idolizing the letter, of licit limits to dissent without repressing new explorations of all truths."

Pellegrino received his M.D. from New York University College of Medicine and his B.S. from St. John's University, summa cum laude with honors in chemistry. He interned and was assistant resident at the Third Division, Bellevue Hospital inNew York.

He is a rare combination of a scientist, humanist and philosopher. His entire career has been spent in higher education and he has held positions as teacher, departmental chairman, dean, vice president and chancellor in various universities. He is also the author of more than 200 articles, books and papers in the field of medicine, medical education, philosophy and the humanities.

Pellegrino's work has been recognized by election to 25 honorary societies, 50 other honors, awards and special lectureships, and 13 honorary degrees. He has been a visiting professor at 20 universities and has served on 60 national boards, commissions and task forces in medicine, health care, the humanities and higher education. He is, or has been, a member of the board of trustees of Georgetown University and St. Louis University, Dickinson College and Quinnipiac College and a member of visiting committees at Vanderbilt, Stony Brook, the University of Pennsylvania and Boston University.

Baccalaureate

Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan

HONORARIES

Mrs. Helene M. Morris, a member of the Saint Leo College Board of Trustees and former Republican National Committeewoman for Florida. A native of Boston, Massachusetts, she is the widow of James Morris, a state forester of Massachusetts, author, poet and entomologist. She received her B.E. degree from Massachusetts State College and did graduate work in business administration at Boston University.

Mrs. Morris taught grade school for two years prior to her marriage. She is the former Assistant to the U.S. Property & Disbursing Officer for the Massachusetts National Buard in Boston; and organized and supervised the Finance and Supply Department of Massachusetts State Headquarters Selective Service. She was chosen as one of the first group of 200 officer candidates for the Women's Army Corps in 1942 for Officer Training School in Fort Des Mones, Iowa, and rose from the rank of 2nd Lieutenant to Major in the Finance Department, A.U.S., prior to her honorable discharge in 1946.

During her Army career, she served as the Finance Officer for Women's Army Corps Training Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.; was a member of the staff of Fiscal Director of the Fourth Service Comand which included seven states with Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. She also served as the Fiscal Director for Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio and attended Army Finance School at Duke University in 1943 and Army Finance School in Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana.

Upon completion of her tour of duty with the U.S. Army, she and her husband moved to Sarasota, Florida, where she became the co-owner of M Bar M Ranch. Her other business venture includes being the former chairman of the board and president of George Mesker Steel Company of Evansville, Indiana and New Albany, Mississippi.

After serving her country, she turned her efforts to serving her party, her community and fellowman. Mrs. Morris organized eleven separate Republican clubs in the State of Florida and served as president of, or on the Executive Board, of five separate Republican organizations for one or more years; she served for sixteen years as the State Committeewoman for Sarasota County; was elected in 1972 as Elector of President and Vice President of the United States for the State of Florida; served for sixteen years on the Executive Board of Florida Federation of Republican Women; served for twelve years as the vice chairman of the Republican Party for the seventh and eighth Congressional Districts; is the founder, past president and current Executive Board member of the Sarasota Bay Republican Women's Club; has been a speaker for diversified Republican activities throughout

Mrs. Helene M. Morris

Florida and the nation, including in Hawaii; has served on two task forces in Florida; was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1960, 1972 and 1976; vice chairman fo the delegation in 1964; and a member of the Host Committee in 1968. She also served as a member of the Executive Committee for the Republican Party of Florida for twelve years.

Her civic and cultural endeavors include being a founding member of the Women's Auxiliary at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, of which she is a former president; the Visiting Nurse Association of Sarasota County, of which she is also a former president; the Sarasota United National Association of Parliamentarians, of which she is a former president; the Gulf Coast Parliamentarians, American Institute of Parliamentarians, of which she is a former president; the Palm Tree Playhouse, of which she is a former president; the Boys' Clubs of Sarasota County, of which she is the chairman for the fund raising committee; and the Girls' Clubs of Sarasota County, of which she is the treasurer and finance chairman.

Mrs. Morris is the past president of the Sarasota Music Club; currently serves as the vice president of the Asolo Theatre Festival Association. Her other current affiliations include being first vice president of the Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra Association; a member of the executive board for the Symphony Women's Association; a member of the executive board for the Asolo Theater Women's Guild; and member of the executive board of the Asolo Opera Guild. She organized the Sarasota Opera Society in 1977 and is currently a member of its executive board. In addition she has life membership in the Women's Auxiliary at Sarasota Memorial Hospital; National Federation of Music Clubs; Sarasota Art Association; Symphony Women's Association; Sarasota Opera Society; Ringling Museum of Art; and the Sarasota Gun Club.

Her other memberships include Friends of the Library; Selby Library League; Mental Health Association; National League American Pen Women; Ringling Museum of Art Library; Women's Library Association of New College; Metropolitan Opera Guild; American Symphony Orchestra League; Association Florida Orchestras; sixteen years as a member of the Board of Directors for the Korean Cultural & Freedom Foundation, Inc.; New College Associates; American Legion, Sarasota Bay Post No. 30; Military Order of the World Wars. She is an associate member of New College Foundation; a former member of the Sarasota County Board of Zoning Appeals; and a certified parliamentarian. She also received a Governor's appointment from 1968 until 1971 to serve on the State Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Her social memberships are quite extensive and she has also been honored in 1970 as the recipient of the "C.H.I.E.F." award (Champion of Higher Independent Education in Florida), as Saint Leo College's honoree at the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida's semi-annual formal dinner. Other honors have been received from the Boys' Clubs of America and being listed in "Who's Who in America"; "Who's Who in American Politics"; Who's Who in Florida Federation of Music Clubs"; "Who's Who in Community Leaders"; Who's Who in Personalities of the South"; and "Who's Who in Community Leaders and Worthwhile Americans.

Mrs. Morris will receive an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree.

Sister M. Caroline Maertens, O.S.B., who is an original member of the faculty at St. Leo College since 1959 and who currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Education. Sister Caroline was Prioress of Holy Name Priory for six years and has been a Benedictine Sister since making her vows in 1921. She had earned a Life Certificate in teaching grades 1-12 in English, Latin, French, Spanish, History, Typing and Shorthand by 1930 and then went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education with honors from the University of Florida and her Master of Arts degree also in education from the University of Notre Dame.

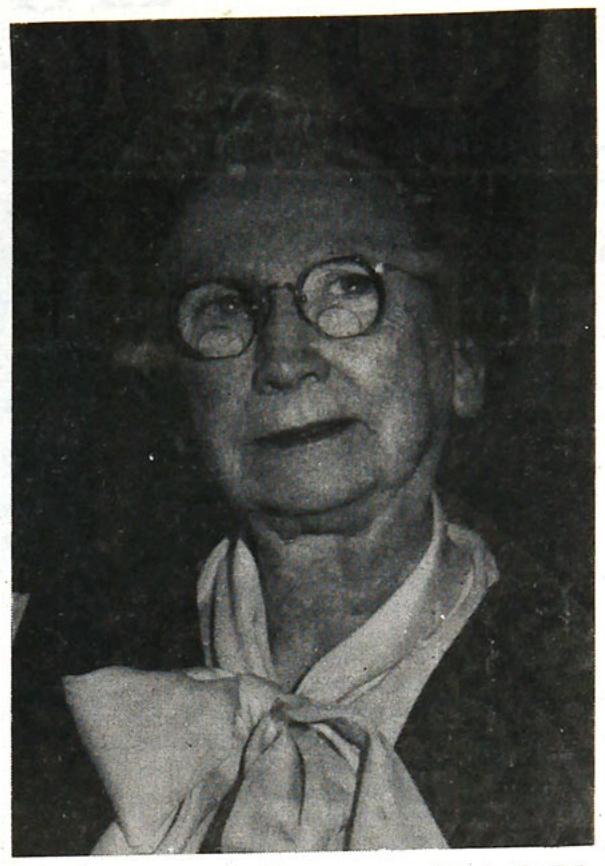
Sister Caroline has been involved in administration and teaching in Catholic schools in Louisiana and also at Holy Family School in North Miami; St. Lawrence School in Tampa; and Holy Name Academy. During her six year term as Prioress, the Benedictine Sisters were involved in expanding Catholic education in Florida and schools were opened in Miami, Jacksonville and Sarasota. In 1963 she served as Chairman of the College Planning Committee, which was a committee of the Benedictine Sisters which explored ways for the Sisters to become involved in and supportive of the new Saint Leo College. Under her leadership, the will of the community to "move toward cooperation in a co-instructional, co-educational college as part of our apostolate" was made effective and fruitful. It was the beginning of the Sisters work with the College. Many of the Committee's recommendations are now in existence. In addition to serving as a faculty member in the Education Division, Sister Caroline has been a research and resource assistant in the Library; has taught courses through the Educational Services Department; and served on the Faculty Handbook Committee as well as other faculty committees.

She will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Sr. Caroline Maertens

Honoraries Cont.

Gen. Donn A. Starry



Sr. Mary Grace Riddles

General Donn A. Starry, Commander of the largest school and training system in the free world, the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, with the Headquarters in Fort Monroe, Va.

General Starry's continuing military and civilian education has included graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed forces Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a Master of Science degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

He enlisted in the United States Army from his home state of Kansas in 1943, and served in the ranks for nearly a year before entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in 1948 as 2nd Lieutenant of Calvary.

General Starry has served extensively with our Army overseas. In three tours in Germany, he has commanded army units from platoon through battalion and from 1976 to 1977 commanded the Fifth U.S. Corps. In the 1950's he was assigned to Korea and served as Intelligence Staff Officer. In two tours in Vietnam, he first saw duty as a member of the Department of Army team analyzing mechanized and armor combat operations. In a later assignment, he headed he task force designated to draw up plans for the Vietnamizatio of the war. Still later, he commanded the famous 11th Armored Calvary Regiment in operations in Vietnam, and led his regiment into Cambodia in May, 1970.

In his assignments in the United States, General Starry has served as an instructor in the Army School system and as Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense. He commanded the Army's Armor Center and School from 1973 to 1976.

His military awards and decorations include the Silver Star; Soldier's Medal; Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

General Starry will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Sister Mary Grace Riddles, O.S.C., Prioress of Holy Name Priory at two separate intervals for a total of 13 years. Six of those years were during the fifties when the sisters became more involved in Catholic Schools in Florida and staffed facilities in Jacksonville, Miami, Venice, Sarasota and Ocala. Under her leadership, the religious formation and professional education of the sisters themselves were furthered to a marked degree. Sister Mary Grace also took her vows in 1921 and has earned teaching certificates in English, Administration, Bible and Guidance. She holds a Master of Arts degree from St. Louis University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mt. St. Scholastica College, both in English.

Her educational experience includes serving as principal of Holy Name Academy; assisting in establishing St. Benedict's Prep School for boys, grades K-6; cooperating in joing programs of Holy Name Academy and St. Leo Prep School; and being an original faculty member of Saint Leo College, where she served as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Language and Literature until joining the Admissions Office staff as a Transfer Evaluator.

Commencement Week Activities

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
7:30 p.m. SAINT LEO CHARITY NIGHT AT TAMPA JAI-ALAI

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
9:00 a.m. CLASS OF 1979 CROSS STATE RELAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
8:00 p.m. ALUMNI RECEPTION
9:30 p.m. CLASS OF 1979 SQUARE DANCE AND HAYRIDE

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
11:00 a.m. COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL
6:00 p.m. CLASS OF 1979 BUFFET AND BONFIRE

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
1:00 p.m. CLASS OF 1979 GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENTS
9:00 p.m. CLASS OF 1979 FAREWELL DANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
10:30 a.m. BACCALAUREATE MASS
12:00 noon BUFFET LUNCHEON
2:30 p.m. CLASS OF 1979 PICTURE
4:00 p.m. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

BUCCANEERS TO PLAY

The 96-member Gulf Comprehensive High School marching Buccaneer band will be performing under the direction of Ed Francis; for the Commencement Exervises. The band just returned April 10 from participation in the cherry Blossom Festival activities in Washington, D.C. The Buccaneers received awards of excellence at the district competition and 60 members will be competing in the state finals in May.

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